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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

<u>Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)</u>

Claims 1-7 were rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent Application Number 2002/0098831 A1 issued to Castell et al. on July 25, 2002 in view of U. S. Patent Number 6,580,907 issued to Hughes et al. on June 17, 2003.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants' claim 1 recites,

"An apparatus, comprising:
one or more node components that, upon registration of one or more users in a second network subsequent to registration of one or more of the one or more users in a first network, <u>serve to cause one or more mailbox profile portions, for one or more voice mailboxes that are associated with the one or more of the one or more users, to be copied from one or more first voicemail system components that are associated with the first network to one or more second voicemail system components that are associated with the second network,</u> ... ".

As stated in the Office Action, Castell does <u>not</u> teach or suggest this limitation. Moreover, applicants note that Hughes does <u>not</u> teach or suggest the limitation either. Instead, Hughes discloses a user currently having his mobile home (MH), i.e., a data object, resident in London, travels to Japan and switches on his mobile telephone to register with Tokyo. The user decides to retrieve his voicemail messages, and requests for his MH to be <u>moved</u> from London to Tokyo. Tokyo accesses its PLR 148, ascertains that the user's MH is in London, and sends a query message to London to check that the MH is indeed in London, and then, upon receipt of a positive response from London, sends a <u>move</u>

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message commanding London to send the MH to Tokyo, as stated in column 8, lines 9-29. Furthermore, Hughes discloses that upon receipt of that move message, London, using its data manager 152 will create the user's MH from the stored voicemail messages and part of the user's profile data relating to PLR update information and send that MH to Tokyo. The PLR update information defines which networks are to be informed when an MH moves from one network to another, as stated in column 8, lines 30-35.

However, contrary to applicants' claim 1, Hughes does not teach or suggest "serve to cause one or more mailbox profile portions, for one or more voice mailboxes that are associated with the one or more of the one or more users, to be copied from one or more first voicemail system components that are associated with the first network to one or more second voicemail system components that are associated with the second network". This is because, as known by those of ordinary skill in the art, to move, as disclosed in Hughes, means "to change in position from one point to another" or "to relocate". By contrast, "to be copied", as used in applicants' claim 1, means "to duplicate". Since Hughes does not duplicate the MH, it cannot be considered "to be copied". Thus, Hughes is missing the "to be copied" element, as recited in applicants' claim 1.

Therefore the combination of Castell with Hughes does not teach or suggest all of the limitations in applicants' claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 2-13 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

Independent claims 14 and 16 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by the proposed combination of Castell and Hughes. For example, claim 14 recites, "copying, upon registration of a user in a second network subsequent to registration of the user in a first network, an address of a voicemail message on a second voice mailbox, on a second voicemail system component that is associated with the second network, from a first voice mailbox, on a first voicemail system

component that is associated with the first network, to move an association with the user from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox", and claim 16 recites "means in the medium for copying, upon registration of a user in a second network subsequent to registration of the user in a first network, an address of a voicemail message on a second voice mailbox, on a second voicemail system component that is associated with the second network, from a first voice mailbox, on a first voicemail system component that is associated with the first network, to move an association with the user from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox". The proposed combination of Castell and Hughes does **not** teach or suggest these limitations for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, independent claims 14 and 16 are likewise allowable over the proposed combination. Since claim 15 depends from claim 14 and claim 17 depends from claim 16, these dependent claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.
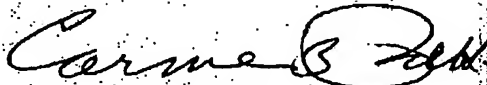
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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